



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control

*Preventing
environmental
damage from
hazardous waste,
and restoring
contaminated
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Californians.*



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Public Notice, January 2006

UNIQUE PREMIUM METALS SEEKS HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT

640 South Hill Street Suite 743
Los Angeles, CA 90014

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received an application from Unique Premium Metals Inc. (UPM) for a Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Series C. UPM is located at 640 South Hill Street Suite 743, Los Angeles, CA 90014. UPM accepts jewelry polishing dust from jewelry manufacturers, processes it, and then analyzes it for precious metal content. The dust is regulated as hazardous in California because it is a fine powder containing metals (copper, barium, nickel, zinc, silver) that typically exceed the regulatory levels.

Why Issue a Permit?

In accordance with California Health and Safety Code (H&SC), sections 25200 and 25201.6, DTSC is proposing to issue a Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) to UPM authorizing the storage and treatment of jewelry polishing dust, a hazardous waste in California due to metal contents, routinely generated off-site.

The Permit will allow UPM to store fifteen 30-gallon drums of incoming dusts and six 55-gallon drums of processed dust. The Permit also allows UPM to use two small melting kilns (furnaces), two ball mills, two screen sieves, and one blender to reduce the size of and blend the jewelry dust to make it suitable for the precious metal content analysis. After the dust is analyzed, UPM sends the processed dust under manifest to precious metal recycling facilities for reclamation.

45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

January 30, 2006 – March 15, 2006

You are invited to submit comments on the draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. Please see page 2 for instruction on how to submit written comments.



This permit approval is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC is required to determine if the operation will have any impact on the environment. DTSC has concluded that the activities of UPM will not have a significant environmental effect. Therefore, we have determined a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the project is appropriate.

Why are You Receiving This Notice?

As part of the application process DTSC is required to hold a 45-day Public Comment Period to give the public the opportunity to review the application, Draft Permit, and Notice of Exemption, and submit comments to DTSC regarding the Draft Permit. The Public Comment Period is January 30, 2006 through March 15, 2006. DTSC has established two locations where you can review the application and associated documents.

Los Angeles Central Library
630 W. 5th Street
Science & Technology Section
Los Angeles, CA 90071
Mon-Th 10:00am-8:00pm
Fri-Sat 10:00am-6:00pm
Sun 1:00pm-5:00pm

Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201
818-551-2800
Ms. Jone Barrio

How Do You Submit Comments?

Comments on the Draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit can be submitted in writing to the DTSC Project Manager, Ms. Amber Harmon. Comments must be postmarked or emailed no later than March 15, 2006.

Send Comments to:

Ms. Amber Harmon, DTSC Project Manager
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710-2721
aharmon@dtsc.ca.gov

At the close of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review all comments received and make a decision either to approve, modify, or deny the application.

Who Can you Contact to Get More Information?

Should you need additional information about this application, please contact Ms. Amber Harmon, DTSC Project Manager at 510-540-3779 or aharmon@dtsc.ca.gov, or Mr. Derrick Alatorre, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at 714-484-5474 or dalatorr@dtsc.ca.gov.